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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN HEALTH MEETING AND REQUEST FOR MEETING FOR
ARGENTINE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WITH US SEC. BERGLAND

REF: (A) FASTO CIRCULAR 101, (B) STATE 047734, (C) STATE 5636

1. ARGENTINE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY DR. MARIO A. CADENAS MADARIAGA, SECRETARIO DE ESTADO DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK) AND WILL ALSO INCLUDE DR. FEDERICO GONAZLEZ GREY, DIRECTOR GENERAL DEL SERVICIO NACIONAL DE SANIDAD ANIMAL (GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL HEALTH), DR. EDUARDO GABRIEL CHARLES, DIRECTOR GENERAL DE SERVICIO DE LABORATORIOS (GENERAL DIRECTOR OF LABORATORIES) AND DR. CARLOS HUGO CAGGIANO, DIRECTOR GENERAL DEL SERVICIO DE LUCHAS SANITARIAS (GENERAL DIRECTOR OF DISEASE PROGRAMS).

2. PARTY WILL DEPART BUENOS AIRES SATURDAY MARCH 12 ON AEROLINEAS 330 AT 19:00, ARRIVING NEW YORK AT 7:00 THE FOLLOWING DAY, DEPART NEW YORK ON AMERICAN 055 AT 8:45 ARRIVING WASHINGTON AT 10:05. NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER BEING ALERTED.

3. DR. CADENAS MADARIAGA WILL DEPART WASHINGTON
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MARCH 18 RETURNING TO ARGENTINA. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH MARCH 26 FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS (REF. C).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE STRONGLY URGE THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR DR. CADENAS MADARIAGA TO MEET U.S. SECRETARY BERGLAND,

ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ARGENTINA'S RE-EMERGENCE AS MAJOR GRAIN EXPORTER AND SECRETARY BERGLAND'S RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER WHEAT TRADING COUNTRIES (REFTEL B). AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF ISOLATION, ARGENTINA HAS RECENTLY SHOWN A STRONG DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY FORUMS. ALSO, PENDING CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM CROPS WILL BE UP SHARPLY FROM LEVELS OF A YEAR AGO AND AS FORWARD SELLING HAS BEEN VERY SLOW, ONCE HARVESTING BEGINS SHORTLY AND BECAUSE OF COUNTRY'S LIMITED STORAGE FACILITIES, ARGENTINA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A MAJOR PRICE FACTOR IN INTERNAL MARKET.

5. WISH TO FURTHER POINT OUT THAT DR. CADENAS MADARIAGA IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TOWARDS U.S. AND AS AN EXPRESSION OF THIS FRIENDLINESS, ONE DAY THIS PAST WEEK HE ACCOMPANIED USDA/APHIS FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICERS ON A ROUTINE TOUR OF ONE OF PLANTS APPROVED TO PROCESS BEEF FOR EXPORT TO U.S. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT ANYONE COULD REMEMBER A SECRETARY ACCOMPANYING AN APHIS PROGRAMS OFFICER.

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